

## LETTERS.

No. 1.

SIR,—Your instructions are that you must take great care of the horses, and that the best horses be carefully spared, and that the mares with colt are not to be used at all; and that the young people are not to be free to do what they please with the horses. You are the master. And that no horse be given without an order from the council, or the inspector of the guard, but when an alarm is given then an order is not necessary.

M. D., *for the Secretary.*

MR. JOSEPH PARENTEAU.  
10th April, 1885.

No. 2.

REV. FATHER VÉGREVILLE,—The Council of the Provisional Government begs you to consider the interests of the French Canadian Metis with a more favorable eye; this you can do by declaring in writing that you will keep yourself at least perfectly neutral; that you will not withdraw from this place without the consent of the Provisional Government.

Give in writing your word of honor that you will act in this way towards us; if you do not we will be compelled to treat you accordingly.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary of the Council.*

BATOCHÉ, 10th April, 1885.

No. 3.

MY VERY DEAR FATHER FOURMAND,—I send a courier in your direction to carry to you the terrible news of the death of Fathers Fafard and Marchand, who were killed by the Indians at Frog Lake.

You will apply in their case the prayers required by our rules. The Indians have risen in every direction and are massacring the whites. Eleven persons were killed around Frog Lake. It is a war of extermination which has begun and it is our Metis who have caused this trouble, and who bear the responsibility of all the blood that has been and will be shed.

My dear father, we must save the sisters from the fate which threatens them, and find means to send them to Prince Albert. I am ignorant how you are situated, but things have an extremely dangerous look; but you seem to fear nothing, and rest in perfect serenity.

Consider, then, if there is any danger in making the sisters leave for Prince Albert, and see if you cannot find some willing men to escort them as far as the forks of the road which comes from Carlton. They have nothing to fear on the part of the people of Prince Albert, who never go there except to cut hay. It is the Indians whom I dread.

PRINCE ALBERT, 12th April, 1885.

No. 3.

DEAR BROTHER:—The exovedes in meeting decided that two or three men should be sent to Carlton, but they agree that you should not go yourself, they are of opinion that your presence here is necessary, although they are sure that you would be the best to go to Carlton. They really expect an attack at a very short period, and they know that your ability here will be of great necessity.

Scouts have been seen twice to-day already. We would also beg of you to keep a very close and good guard, because there might be danger on your side of the river. Sending you our best wishes, we remain your brother.

For the council,

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

To Exovede ALBERT MONKMAN.

ST. ANTHONY, 16th April, 1885.

43h—3½